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ASHLAND, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1855.

NO. 6.

BUSINESS CARDS.

ASHORE HOUSE.
The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has removed the above named house, (formerly the Old American) in New London, Ashland County, Ohio, and has moved to the new and commodious location of the new building, where he will be ready to receive his former and new friends, and to accommodate those who may favor him with their patronage.
May 9, 1855. J. H. ASHORE.

NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL.
Hartsville, Ohio.
W. W. COTTON, Proprietor, opposite the Bank.
P. F. MYERS and G. W. WALKER, Proprietors.
1855.

A CARD.
A. W. MESSINGER would respectfully inform the public that he has taken the large and commodious Hotel, in Ashland, known as the "Samuel House," and will be ever ready to receive those that may favor him with their patronage. His table will be supplied with the best of the market. Rooms are large and airy, and his table will be supplied with the best of the market. Ashland, 4th July, 1855. 451r

FOUNTAIN HOTEL.
The subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Ashland and adjoining counties, and all others traveling that he has taken the Hotel formerly kept by John Van, where he will be glad to see all who may favor him with their patronage. He will be at all times ready to receive his former and new friends, and to accommodate those who may favor him with their patronage.
Hartsville, Jan. 1, 1855. GEO. A. THREACK.

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Poetry.



Myself.

BY MRS. H. E. G. ARLEY.

Well, once I was a little girl,

And well I was a little girl,

My mother made the butter,

And my father made the hay.

And I—I wandered, out of school,

Amid the woodlands wild,

And scorned the teacher's measured rule—

A haum scum child.

Of thorny lane and meadow fair,

My frock bore token still;

The wind would catch my yellow hair,

And braid it at its will.

The sun was busy with my face—

And still it shows it some;

And on my cheek I know how high

My cheek used to come.

And I was smart, and all the springs

On all the hills could show;

And, if there were some grammar thing,

I didn't care to know.

I always knew how many boughs

The latest tempest broke,

And just how far the woodpecker

Had girdled round the oak.

I knew the trees where slept the crows;

And, an the water's brim,

I leaped along the hemlock boughs,

To watch the fishes swim.

There was a well-filled garret, where

I hid on stormy days,

And built bright castles in the air,

And conned most ancient lays;

And through the stars that Scott has set

For fancy, roused with joy,

Or, from some old and worn gazette,

I heeded the rhymes of "Joy."

In moonlight's rare I hid with care

Those relics of the Muse,

And wondered who the Poets were

That scribbled for the News.

But when once more the "kiss" was fair,

And the woods could win,

For book and rhyme that charmed me there

I did not care a pin.

My mother saw my garments soiled,

And thought it hardly right;

But when I wished to go again,

My father said I might.

And now I am a woman grown,

And strive to keep my hair

Beneath the guidance of my comb,

And bind my dress with care.

Through slumps and drif's I do not roam,

Nor climb the hemlock trees,

Nor hide 'mid cobwebbed trunks at home—

For fear 'twill raise a breeze.

I tread the world's unchanging maze,

Through all its life's fettered span,

And seek to be through all my ways

As "proper" as I can.

I never liked the ways of men,

Or wished more old to grow,

For life was wonderful curious then,

And is not curious now.

I know not how it seemed to me,

Or what my father thought,

But mother said I'd never be

A woman, as I ought.

I know 'tis hard to speak children wild

And, if I were one more a child,

I'd be—no more so again.

State Finances.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE.
ON THE
Condition of the Finances of Ohio,
IN THE YEAR 1854.

Hon. WM. MEDILL, Governor of Ohio.

(CONCLUDED.)

The rate of taxes levied for State purposes on the grand duplicate of Ohio for the year 1854, was three and fifty-five hundredths mills on every dollar of assessed property. The State Legislature, at its last session, provided that the rate of levy for the year 1855, should be reduced to three and twenty hundredths mills on the dollar. This change, although seemingly trivial and unimportant, will effect a much greater aggregate reduction than might be supposed, without appealing to the appropriate figures. On the assumption that the assessed value of property on the grand duplicate of 1855, will be the same as in 1854, which was \$366,949,032, the amount of State tax levied for each of the two years, will compare as follows:

Year.	Assessed Value.	Rate of Tax.	Total Tax.
1854.	\$366,949,032	3.55	\$13,025,781.66
1855.	\$366,949,032	3.25	\$11,925,833.56

Here, as will be perceived, is a reduction of more than three hundred thousand dollars in the State taxes to be assessed on the grand duplicate for the year 1855. The amount levied for State Common School purposes, on the duplicate of 1854, yielded an aggregate fund equal to one dollar and forty-eight cents for each youth between the ages of 5 and 21 years, resident in the State. The levy for the year 1855, for State Common School purposes, remains the same as in 1854, and therefore, a fund of equal amount may be expected from the duplicate of the present year. If this sum of one dollar and forty-eight cents for the education of each youth of the State, is a more liberal provision for that purpose than can be justly afforded by the people whose taxable wealth exceeds eight hundred millions of dollars, such future reduction, if any, as the public judgment shall decide to be consistent with a wise State policy, can be accomplished by an amendment of the existing law in abundant time to take effect previous to the assessment of taxes for the year 1856.

On reference to the proper table accompanying this report, it will be seen that the passage of the law by the last Legislature, requiring the National Road to be leased to the highest responsible bidder, and renewed vindication in the indebted condition of the road as developed in the adjustment of outstanding claims held against it. During the year ending 15th November, 1854, the payments from the Treasury, on account of liabilities incurred by this road previous to its transfer on the 1st day of June, were \$24,000 33. The payments into the Treasury on account of tolls received to the same period, were but \$15,754 59, showing a difference against the road at the date of its lease by the State, amounting to \$8,245 80. In addition to the liabilities above noted, there were ascertained claims exceeding the sum of \$2,500, still to be met by the Treasury. After the disposal of these, the State is left free from further expenditure on account of the road until the 1st of June, 1856, deriving in the meantime an annual rent of six thousand and one hundred and five dollars from the parties to whom it was leased on bond of ample amount, conditioned for the keeping up and surrender of the road at the expiration of their lease in good repair as it went into their possession.

The amendatory laws of the last Legislature of Ohio, throwing additional checks round the disbursement of the public money, although concentrating upon this office a large amount of additional labor, are in the course of successful operation and have been attended by highly beneficial results. The practice which had existed through a long succession of years, of checking

from the State Treasury, the money appropriated for the maintenance of the Benevolent Institutions, without accounting at the proper State department for its expenditure, has been entirely stopped. Under the new law, no money for these purposes, is now drawn from the Treasury, except upon vouchers giving the names of the persons to whom the money is due, and a full statement of the nature of the claims. A similar change has also been made in the disbursement of moneys set apart for the use of the New State House. Not a dollar of this fund is now paid from the State Treasury, except on the Auditor's warrant, and this is allowed only on the presentation of the claim on file in the State Treasury, instead of being retained, as formerly, in the custody of the officers of the prison, and by them disbursed without placing on file in the proper State office the vouchers necessary to verify the payments, and explain the nature of the claims on which they were made. Since the passage of the new law, the payments of Penitentiary earnings into the State Treasury have been at a rate equal to the entire expenses of the prison actually occurred during the same period, and this too, inclusive of the salaries of officers and guards, which have heretofore been a charge on the tax revenues of the State to the amount of sixteen or eighteen thousand dollars annually. From these happy results, attending the changes made in the revenue laws by the last General Assembly, it is hoped encouragement may be taken for prosecuting the reform as much farther and in whatever direction the public interest may seem in the future to demand.

Besides the amendatory acts above referred to, the Legislature at its last session, deemed it proper to place in charge of this office, the execution of the new law "To regulate the Agencies of Insurance Companies not incorporated by the State of Ohio," which took effect in July, 1854. It affords me pleasure to say that the operation of this law has proven highly salutary, and that its provisions have been complied with by nearly all the aforesaid Companies which had established agencies in Ohio, previous to its passage. Several of the New York and New England Companies, which have gone within the past year into a state of bankruptcy, had been doing a large and profitable business in Ohio, and it was not until the new law required them to furnish satisfactory evidence of their solvency, that the ceased to issue their policies of insurance on Ohio property, and draw the handsome revenues to which they were entitled by the misplaced confidence of their victims. The amount of money paid by the people of this State, to Foreign Insurance Companies, during the year ending in May, 1854, was (as is amply indicated by the assessment of personal property,) but little short of one million of dollars. The outlay of so large a sum—more than equal to the interests on the foreign and domestic debt of Ohio, demanded from the General Assembly whatever guaranty and protection home laws could secure to those from whose pockets it was drawn. In the first effort made to afford this protection, it must be gratifying to the Legislature to know that the statutory provisions which may be adopted, have already so far commended themselves to reason, set and imitation, that they now occupy a place among the laws of Indiana and Illinois.

To these general remarks, principally in explanation of the condition of the finances of the State, and the operation and results of the laws for the assessment of taxes, much more might be added, but the length to which my comments are already extended, renders it expedient to reserve for my annual report to the next Legislature, such suggestions in regard to modifications of the tax law, as experience and a proper regard to public justice, shall seem to demand. Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. MORGAN, Auditor.

AUDITOR OF STATE'S OFFICE,
COLUMBUS, March 23, 1855.

ADDENDA.

The statement of taxes assessed and realized on the grand duplicate of Ohio for the year 1854, as referred to in the early part of the foregoing report, is given below. As will be seen by turning to the table elsewhere given, the total amount of all State taxes assessed in 1854, was \$3,077,607 41. The amount actually collected under that assessment and paid into the State Treasury, is \$2,865,003 22, showing that the amount realized by the State is \$209,593 19 less than the amount levied. This difference arises from three causes: 1. Non-payment of bank taxes and other delinquencies; 2. Treasurer's fees; on

State taxes which the laws allow to be retained out of collections; 3. Cost of advertising delinquent lands, &c. More than two-thirds of the entire deficit, is occasioned by the cause first named—bank taxes and other delinquencies.

Statement showing the amount of State taxes collected on the Grand Duplicate of 1854, and paid into the State Treasury. Also the amount of delinquent taxes, assessed at Columbus, and paid by the State to the Treasurer of the various Counties.

PAYMENT OF TAXES BY COUNTIES INTO THE STATE TREASURY.

Taxes for State Debt purposes..... \$1,013,604 13

Taxes for Common School Fund..... 1,208,043 82

Taxes for District School Library Fund..... 80,548 54

Taxes for Expenses of State Government..... 565,806 68

Total State taxes collected and paid into State Treasury..... \$2,865,003 22

PAYMENT OF TAXES FROM STATE TREASURY TO COUNTIES.

State Common School Fund..... \$1,208,043 82

Interest on School..... 88,925 73

Interest on Section 20 Municipal Fund..... 3,019 46

Interest on Virginia Military School Fund..... 11,912 56

Interest on U. S. Military School Fund..... 7,216 24

Interest on Western Reserve School Fund..... 14,000 63

Interest on Maria Thann School Fund..... 172 44

Taxes refunded from State to County..... 2,602 81

Total amount of State taxes paid to counties..... \$1,336,242 86

Amount not paid back to counties..... \$1,528,760 36

Delinquent District School Library Fund, to be invested by State Superintendent for exclusive use of counties..... 80,548 54

Balances being net amount of taxes of 1854 actually paid into a retained by State Treasury for the payment of principal and interest on Foreign and Domestic Debt, and defraying the current expenses of the State Government..... \$1,451,111 69

It thus appears that of the entire nine millions and ninety-two thousand dollars of taxes levied on the property of Ohio in the year 1854, less than one and a half millions are paid into and retained by the State Treasury; and that out of this amount is paid the interest on the Foreign and Domestic Debt of Ohio, and all the expenses connected with the support of the State Government including the salaries of public officers, the erection of the New State House, completion of the two new Lunatic Asylums, &c., &c.

Miscellaneous.

Greely's Portrait set in a Diamond.

By the late arrivals from Europe our readers have been informed of the imprisonment at Paris over a Sunday of Horace Greely, and that distinguished editor has given a very entertaining account of his "peep through the diamond hole."

He says: "I had been down to the Palace of Industry and returned to my lodgings, when four strangers called to see me. By the help of my courier I soon learned that they had a writ of arrest for me at the suit of one M. Lecheval, sculptor, affirming that he sent a statue to the New York Crystal Palace Exhibition, and on the way to which it was broken, so that it could not be (at all events it had not been) restored to him—wherefore he asked of me—as a Director and representative of the Crystal Palace Association, to pay him "doux mille francs," or \$2,500. Not happening to have the change, and no idea of paying this demand if I had it, I could only signify those facts; whereupon they told me that I was under arrest, and must go along, which I readily did.

Greely